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A chill wind blows over Moscow and Washington

La Rochefoucauld once rightly remarked, things need not always turn for the worse.

Building up of American-Soviet relations soon give way once more to a cold war for dialogue. The realisation of a nuclear age rules out confrontation may prove more difficult than the temptation to stage a dispute between the superpowers. Nevertheless, the world must brace itself for a new frosty period in international relations.

With Korean airliner shot down by Soviets over Sakhalin was not the first thing they removed from the sun. The same time they blotted out of sunshine on the international horizon which had just begun to shine.

Through the Reagan administration with appropriate restraint to itself, careful not to burn any time in its indignation, the loud and clear rhetoric has drowned such lavalanche right from the start.

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of a new Cold War: "We can change the Soviets, yet we can change our attitude towards them. We stop fooling ourselves that they are the same dreams and cherish the hope that we do. Furthermore, we can start preparing for a new Cold War. President Kennedy called the struggle in the twilight zone." Outrage may well have been justified rhetoric understandable. Negotiation is not politics, as Bismarck already realised.

Words can often drift out of the decision by the governors of New York and New Jersey to refuse the Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to land in an Aeroflot to take part in the autumn session of the United Nations Assembly in Geneva. Washington offered an alternative, Washington offered

landing permission at the Groton Military Airfield, 120 kilometres from New York.

Is it such a surprising decision for Gromyko to refuse to take part altogether, for the first time during the 27 years he has headed the Moscow Foreign Office?

Great powers are incredibly oversensitive. A dent in their self-esteem is as painful as losing a province.

It's easier to take a kick in the shins than a slap in the face. Status, protocol, prestige — terms which describe imperiousness that have always played a major part in relations between the peoples of the world, particularly in the Russian way of thinking.

During the Potsdam Conference in 1945 Churchill, Stalin and Truman could not agree on who should enter the conference room first. In the end, all three came into the room at the same time through three different doors — a sign of equal status.

In the following year the Soviet Foreign Minister was seated in the second row behind the representatives of the other major powers during a victory celebration in Paris. He subsequently left the room in protest at such neglect.

For this reason, no-one need believe that Gromyko was afraid to face criticism by the whole world in the UN General Assembly. The old Kremlin campaigner has taken harder knocks in his time.

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Irrespective of all the contradictions of the state elections in Hesse and Bremen, the one thing can be said: the SPD was the winner in both.

The Social Democrats replaced the CDU as the strongest parliamentary group in Hesse in an unexpectedly clear manner.

Despite the shipyard crisis in Bre-



Meeting in Bonn

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl met in Bonn for talks. Mrs Thatcher toured British military posts in Germany. (Photo: Sven Simon)

Gromyko felt insulted by what was meant to be an insult and reacted accordingly.

Unfortunately, where interests clash and aspects of prestige become so entangled, political reason often fails by the wayside. Trivialities can lead to inevitabilities, which in their turn lead to catastrophes.

All efforts to maintain stability and continuity or to improve the relationship between East and West find it increasingly hard going. Up until recently there were plenty of such efforts.

The Reagan administration, which for a long time was ill-disposed towards dialogue between the superpowers, approved of a new grain agreement and lifted a number of embargo measures.

It seemed as if a top-level meeting between President Reagan and Yuri Andropov was on the cards for 1984. Five years after the Carter-Brezhnev meeting in Vienna prospects for repairing the broken link between the Kremlin and the White House were looking good.

There were signs of a vague readiness to compromise if not of breakthroughs during the Geneva negotiations on limiting intercontinental missiles (SALT) and medium-range missiles (INF).

Following lengthy negotiations the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe agreed on a document which, despite many hucknosed phrases, clearly showed the will of all states.

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SPD picks up votes in State elections

men, they even managed to extend their absolute majority here.

The reasons for this surprising result must be sought in Bonn.

More probably than not it was a reaction to the policy of change, the so-called *Wende*.

This at least can be inferred from the results for the CDU. Although it improved its position slightly in Bremen, the loss of six per cent compared to its previous performance in Hesse is a catastrophe.

The CDU's leading candidate in Hesse, Walter Wallmann, is likely to be made the scapegoat.

He told supporters of his own party to "loan" their votes to the FDP to help them get back into the Hesse assembly.

This is exactly what they did. The FDP's eight per cent vote was a sensation.

And yet it says nothing about the party's overall stability, as underlined by their failure to get back into the Bremen assembly.

The decision to support the SPD may have been partly to blame. Yet this would indicate that the party is not supported for its own sake.

The Greens, on the other hand, proved themselves to be a stable political group.

Although they lost votes in Hesse, where the "blood-throwing" incident by the Greens' member of parliament, Frank Schwalbe-Hoth, caused quite a stir, they didn't find it too difficult to get re-elected to parliament.

In fact, they managed this in Bremen despite the fact that there were three different "Green" groups.

The implications of the election outcome are clear in Bremen. The SPD can carry on where it left off.

Despite the return of the FDP in Hesse the SPD there can continue to govern there under "Hessian conditions".

The CDU and the FDP are not strong enough to oust the SPD.

Yet the SPD cannot rule on its own.

(Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger, 26 September 1983)

WORLD AFFAIRS

The two sides
to Andropov's
letter

The official answer by Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to a letter by 57 Social Democrat members of the Bundestag confirms the Soviet willingness to at least try for a partial result at the Geneva talks.

It also reveals the Soviet Union's ability to soften up the western front, drive various wedges into the defence alliance and use propagandist tricks to improve its own position at the Geneva INF negotiations.

The INF talks (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces) cover nuclear systems with a range of between 150 and 5,500 kilometres.

Clear inspection reveals that there is nothing new about Andropov's proposals. In no one single point do they go beyond the position voiced by the Soviet leader in August.

Despite its readiness to reduce the number of the SS20 missiles pointed at Western Europe to 162 systems, that is to the level of French and British systems, the Soviet Union is sticking to its own missile monopoly.

The drawbacks to the Soviet offer soon become clear:

1. The demand by the Soviet Union for the full inclusion of British and French systems obviously aims at a nuclear uncoupling of Europe from the USA.

Such an isolation of Western Europe is incompatible with the security interests of the European non-nuclear states, among them the Federal Republic of Germany.

2. Since the French and British systems are partly sea-launched, they belong — as do the Soviet and American submarine-based missiles — to the category of intercontinental-strategic systems.

These systems are not the subject of negotiations at the INF talks.

The willingness of the USA to accept limited changes to its line of negotiation in Geneva is probably a move in the direction of linking the INF talks and new agreements on intercontinental-strategic systems. This would definitely make it easier to reach agreement in Geneva.

Ronald Reagan should show his hand in Geneva as soon as possible. Otherwise, Andropov will be able to play out his propagandist advantage in Geneva at the expense of western security.

The first meeting between the Mayor of West Berlin, Richard von Weizsäcker, and the East Berlin party chief, Erich Honecker, suggests that a new level of German-German talks has arrived. Further talks are planned.

The basis for these contacts is that both sides agree not to use the meetings as an instrument for changing Berlin's status.

If the East German side were to do so, said von Weizsäcker, the meeting would have been the first and the last.

"This is not my intention, and it is hardly like to be that of the Herr Honecker."

Apart from agreeing that officials on both sides should get together to prepare for Berlin's 750th anniversary celebration.

The old hat contained in Andropov's answer to the questions posed by the 57 SPD members has been presented in a new box. It is a coincidence that his reply comes at this time.

Andropov hopes to back these in the SPD who are moving further and further away from the NATO double-decision, as demonstrated again by the executive committee of the Bavarian SPD.

Such SPD members ignore the claim made by former SPD Chancellor Helmut Schmidt less than a year ago that the NATO double-decision is indispensable to the security of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Bodo Schulte
(Nordwest Zeitung, 21 September 1983)

A concession
to Russians

President Reagan's latest instructions to his chief negotiator at the Geneva talks, Paul Nitze, involves substantial concessions to Moscow.

The USA is no longer insisting on a global balance in the field of intermediate-range nuclear weapons but only asks for the same number of American and Russian warheads in Europe.

This move is a sign that the Geneva negotiations have now really entered their decisive phase.

It's now up to Andropov to respond to the American initiative in a plausible way to avoid giving an impression of inflexibility.

A look back at developments so far shows just how far negotiations have developed.

The USA's initial line was based on the ideal yet unrealistic (unrealizable) zero option involving the destruction of all medium-range missiles.

They then stepped down to an interim solution in which there was to be a stage-by-stage reduction of medium-range missiles at a global level on the way to the zero solution.

Nitze has now been authorised to negotiate a balance which is limited to Europe alone.

The Soviets began by demanding a renunciation of any NATO rearmament whatsoever without offering any reductions on their part.

They are now willing to back down to an SS20 missile level in European Russia equal to the combined level of British and French nuclear weapons, providing NATO does not deploy its Pershing 2 and Cruise Missiles.

Reagan's latest proposal was only possible after intensive consultation with the Japanese government, since

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German talks
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raise hopes

bratens in 1987, the meeting had no concrete result.

The suggestion by von Weizsäcker that a loosening up on the issue of mandatory money exchanging for tourists to the East, cannot be regarded as a result of this meeting.

It is the fruit of many months' groundwork by the Federal government in Bonn, including the granting of a billion-mark loan to the GDR.

This meeting must be seen as part of

Washington and Moscow
the EEC

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involved not to lose sight of the postulate of cooperation.

The decision to set up a "Conference on Confidence-Building and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe" next January in Stockholm also laid down a new track for negotiations.

Such a conference could prove most important if the disarmament dialogue between the superpowers begins to flag. Contacts in the field of German-German relations have also been intensified.

The billion-mark loan to East Germany, meetings on environmental protection, talks on a cultural and postal agreement, and many meetings between prominent West German politicians and the East Berlin leader, Erich Honecker, suggest that Bonn and East Berlin are trying to strengthen the German ties so that they can take the strain of the rearmament storm expected in December.

A new ice age would thwart all these efforts. The adverse effects of escalation following the Jumbo tragedy are already visible.

The voices of those in the United States who wish to prevent a summit meeting with Andropov are becoming louder.

Congress has just passed an unprecedented 187-billion-dollar defence budget, which includes all those arms projects feared most by the Soviet Union. To them it looks as if America is out to obtain military supremacy.

Reagan's "realm-of-evil" rhetoric ("The Soviets are a hostile influence in Lebanon, just as they are deeply involved in everything that is happening in Central America") has got the Russians worried that the President has begun launching a major ideological offensive.

Even the idea of economic warfare has not yet been dropped; the coming Congress debate on the Export Law will show what the situation is here.

The change of climate in international politics is bound to effect talks in Geneva.

The start conference can almost be classified a non-starter. The talks on medium-range missiles, which resumed last week, show the Soviets far behind the accommodating position Andropov has suggested beforehand. Whereas he referred to the possible scrapping of missiles or warheads, his negotiators only spoke of destroying the launchers, leaving the arsenal of weapons itself intact.

Andropov had suggested the inclusion of all medium-range missiles which

overall efforts to improve the relations between the two German countries.

Bonn is hoping for humanitarian improvements, East Berlin for economic help.

To obtain this financial support, the pragmatic Communist Erich Honecker would seem to be willing to ignore the question of Berlin's status.

If this new level of talks proves to be productive, Richard von Weizsäcker could become a key figure in the German-German relationship.

He may find this more appealing than that of Federal President (Von Weizsäcker has been mentioned as a possible future Bonn president).

Liselotte Mueller
(Frankfurter Neue Presse, 16 September 1983)

threaten Europe up until the end of the century. His diplomatic hand, however, has a different view of Europe: up until the end of the century, leaving untouched which could have been missile attacks or repe.

However, if the superpowers themselves tied up in a long and difficult since 1949, the shooting down of the Korean air-traffic by the Russians has made it even unlikely that the Geneva talks on intermediate-range missiles will lead to any time to prevent the deployment of the new generation of nuclear missiles.

But what about the relationship against the background of rearmament and counter-rearmament this year. Yet even later this year. Yet even later this year. Yet even later this year.

There are still some people who indulge in the conviction that the Soviet Union is the "offensive to conquer all means" (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland).

They don't just condemn the Jumbo shooting. They also see a military strategy of "clearing the military situation" and "clearing the military situation" and "clearing the military situation".

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precondition for its going along that the EEC introduce more protective measures against imports from outside along the lines of the US Trade Act.

Bonn is wrong in its premise that the USA and Japan support free world trade.

Though every US president has for decades paid lip service to free trade, American lawmakers have always been protectionist, as is shown by the Trade Act.

It was not until last year that Japan yielded to massive US and EEC pressure and opened its market slightly.

Had it not been for the steadfast resistance Bonn Economic Affairs Minister Count Lambsdorff put up in Brussels against EEC threats directed at Japan, Tokyo is likely to have given in much earlier. Paris and other "protectionist" EEC members were proved right in the end.

America's importance as a buyer of German goods has been overestimated in this country. Two-thirds of our exports go to the West European free trade zone accounted for by the EEC and EFTA plus the EEC membership candidates Spain and Portugal.

Only 6.2 per cent goes to the USA, with the rest being accounted for by the Third World and the East Bloc.

The principle of free trade plays no role in the latter two groups.

The further development of the internal Community market and progress in the consolidation of the EEC are the best instruments with which to secure long-term markets for this country's industry.

This will not lead to a trade war between the EEC and the USA nor will it endanger the security of the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin.

Almost all European governments, including France, are interested in the United States' military presence in Europe, as evidenced by the NATO decision

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European Union
guidelines
adopted

for a European federation on behalf of the Christian Democratic group.

The European Union would realise the political unification of the EEC member states as provided for in the 1957 Treaties of Rome.

The guidelines contain the first proposals for a European constitution under which future Euro-MPs would enjoy legislative powers enabling them to pass laws (together with a still to be created Union Council that would assume the role of an upper house). These laws would become effective without prior ratification by national parliaments.

The EEC Commission would act as the executive branch, with the right to table bills in the European Parliament.

The Council of Ministers would retain its present function but its legislative authority would be restricted to matters that do not fall under European jurisdiction.

The guidelines therefore differentiate between common actions of the Union, where the authority would rest with the European Parliament and the Union Council, and cooperation between EEC countries, where the jurisdictions would remain virtually unchanged.

All areas relevant to a common policy have been departmentalised in the new guidelines.

In the corridors, some politicians describe the document that provides for a common European citizenship for all EEC nationals as visionary and utopian.

Greece's President Konstantin Karamanlis spoke in favour of revitalising efforts at European unity.

In his address, which was frequently interrupted by applause, Karamanlis welcomed the idea of European Union and suggested a special summit meeting of the Ten along the lines of the 1955 Messina Conference which preceded the founding of the European Communities.

He said that five years could enough to work out the tasks, authorities and functions of a European Union.

While saying that a politically united Europe was the only way in which to solve current economic and social problems, he sharply criticised the "conflicting and ineffectual Community institutions."

He deplored the fact that the European Parliament's authority was limited and that it was isolated from the national parliaments.

He said that the reason for the weakness of the Community was due to national prejudices and egotisms that hampered the Community's development and could prove important obstacles on the way to a European Union.

Rainer Klose
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 16 September 1983)

Export talks
in Tokyo

Trade negotiations between the EEC and Japan in Tokyo clearly show Brussels's deep-rooted belief that it can steer economic developments through political talks.

But the Brussels Eurocrats overlook the fact that Japan's huge surplus in its trade with the EEC (\$5bn in the first half of 1983) is due to the quality of Japanese goods and not to politics.

Conversely, the fact that many West European manufacturers have been unable to gain a foothold in Japan is not primarily due to trade barriers but to the fact that they underestimated the significance of the Japanese market and failed to make a bid for customers there.

These who did try to get into that market needed no trade negotiations.

It is quite true that the EEC must urge Japan not to aggravate the existing problems by selling below cost on the European market.

But there is no getting away from the fact that Europe's industry has missed the boat with some products, among them video recorders, which is one topic of the Tokyo talks.

The talks will however be useful. They could improve Japan's understanding of Europe's problems.

But it would be wrong to go any further by, for instance, demanding a further Japanese self-restriction.

Trade barriers ultimately hurt the consumer and cost jobs. What matters therefore is to discuss what can be done to prevent the yen from favouring Japanese exports to the extent it has done up to now.

The yen is undervalued against such Western currencies as the Deutschmark and an adjustment is long overdue.

(Der Tagesspiegel, 17 September 1983)

HOME AFFAIRS

Government assesses the first 12 months

A year has passed since the ruling Bonn coalition of the CDU and the FDP came to power following the collapse of the FDP alliance with the SPD. The centre-right coalition regards its first 12 months with satisfaction. But there is concern about what lies ahead. At the top, of course, only satisfaction is expressed. Most of it is from the Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, the CDU chairman.

There is political method in his optimism. He has said: "All problems can be solved as long as we have conviction. As politicians we must not run around with long faces. We must exude confidence."

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (FDP) keeps stressing that all is well. So how justified are they?

The coalition had to face an acid test right at the beginning. Only five months after coming to office, it went to the country in a general election.

The went off amazingly well, and even the FDP managed to stabilise itself despite a minority that opposed the change of partners.

The coalition partners were quick to agree on a joint programme and the new alliance was able to function smoothly. The 1983 budget was passed easily and the 1984 one was drafted with equal ease.

And since nothing succeeds like success, Helmut Kohl became his party's undisputed leader from one day to the next. Possible pretenders to the throne stepped down.

Gerhard Stoltenberg became number two, primarily because of his position as Finance Minister.

A concession

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Japan feels threatened by the SS20s in the Asian part of the Soviet Union.

To save face, President Reagan has told his Nitze not just to suggest to the Soviet Union that it freeze its existing level of medium-range missiles on the other side of the Urals as a precondition for an agreement.

A new agreement should also state that the USA has a right to establish a balance in Asia but would not make use of this right.

Would not a similar formula be possible allowing the Soviets to save their face over the British and French arsenals?

It is Nitze's task to sound out this possibility during the coming weeks.

His walk in the woods in Goeva showed that he is able to develop imaginative solutions.

Emil Bölte

(Lübecker Nachrichten, 23 September 1983)

The alliance

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to deploy the new generation of US missiles.

Only Sweden and Austria have shown some doubts lately.

Once Bonn no longer acts as the guardian of US interests in the EEC, Paris and the other member states will need no prodding to take the effects Community reforms could have on security into account.

And once the deployment of the missiles has begun Washington will no longer be able to use the withdrawal of its troops as a threat to retaliate against the Community's decisions on trade policy.

A less dogmatic attitude on Bonn's part could facilitate the European unification process.

Erich Hauser

(General-Anzeiger, 15 September 1983)

Baden-Württemberg's Lothar Spöth and Lower Saxony's Ernst Albrecht have assumed the roles of ideologues.

In North Rhine-Westphalia, Kurt Bledenkopf gave way to the Kohl favourite Bernhard Worms.

Berlin's mayor Richard von Weizsäcker, is talked of as a possible successor to President Karl Carstens.

Opinion polls show that the image of the chancellor and his coalition is also sound. Most people seem prepared to accept the about-turn that matters, the about-turn in mentality: less thinking in terms of entitlement and help from the state, more performance and personal responsibility.

The sacrifices imposed by the 1983 budget have largely been digested, and the budget for 1984 is also meeting with understanding.

The government course aimed at reducing deficits, promoting business and cutting away social security deadwood is likely to continue finding the necessary support on two conditions: that it continues firmly and justly and that the economic indicators continue to point upwards.

Foreign and security policies must

also remain on course if this optimism is to be justified.

The coalition has succeeded in improving relations with Washington without worsening relations with Moscow. So it has thus avoided endangering German-German ties.

But the final round of the Geneva missile talks and the likely implementation of part two of the two-track NATO decision — the deployment of new missiles will be the moment of truth for the government.

There are also some other question marks. Relations among the coalition partners is not as harmonious as is claimed.

The coalition's first summer had its disputes, though not as serious as the previous coalition had.

Kohl and Genscher speak of "cock-fights," meaning primarily the controversy between CSU leader Franz Josef Strauss and Bonn's Economic Affairs Minister Count Lambsdorff (FDP).

What matters is that the CSU grassroots in Bavaria back the CDU chancellor and that even Lambsdorff's quarrelling stops short of involving Helmut Kohl.

FDP tries to find the liberal spirit

It was oilied with a progressively fraying SPD, is still far from certain.

Its structure has in the past two years changed so much that former general secretary Günter Verheugen spoke of "the collapse of one of the traditional pillars of our system."

The fact is that the FDP has been thrown out of most State assemblies.

The federalist structure of the party, which was one of its strong points right into the 1960s because of the nature of its programme has largely fallen away.

Many of the States no longer need the Liberals to form a government. This is one reason why the elections in Hesse and Bremen this month were so nerve-racking for them.

What is at stake for the FDP is no longer the possibility of a political defeat but the very raison d'être of organised liberalism in West Germany's political landscape.

It is faced with a dilemma. It is still in the limelight nationally (though attention is focused on only a few personalities like Genscher, Lambsdorff, Mischnick and perhaps Irmgard Adam-Schwartz) but is otherwise disappearing.

It is questionable whether a party that depends on a small spearhead group without legions in the states can survive in the long run. This is particularly so in view of the federal structure of Germany.

This means that there is a growing risk that the FDP will come to be regarded as a party needed only to get the majority necessary to form a government.

Like in the story of the emperor's new clothes, the FDP finds itself naked.

The wide range of views party poses an even greater challenge to Kohl's prestige.

Now that the CDU is in power there is a possibility that the right wings will pull to the left.

Though Labour and Social Minister Norbert Blum (CDU) managed to make his party's Committees toe the line, the sacrifices expected of the prove intolerable if the party's wing joins forces with the bid to use the government's course for its own ends.

The Chancellor has perceived the danger of a split in the party along with the shortage of ship openings and the coal crisis.

There are times when the successful Chancellor would do himself with all of the problems.

He differs from Ronald Reagan, whose recipe for success is not so much optimism as the seriousness of the situation constantly exhorting the "work, work, work."

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Part-time work has absolute priority here. The chairman of the employers' association of the chemical industry, Molitor, says that this would not only provide more jobs but would also give the individual worker the possibility of choosing "while helping to soften the rigid fronts in the discussion over working hours."

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LABOUR

Both sides see advantages in shorter working hours



There is no shortage of models for more flexible working hours. The way to enable the worker to arrange his or her own working hours is the most efficient use of its plant and equipment.

The drive towards change has been triggered by the trade unions' demand for a departure from the rigid 40-hour week. But because it is such a new idea nobody quite knows how to do it.

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Many companies, among them Audi, BMW, Siemens and Volkswagen, are tinkering with flexible concepts. But Martin Posth says management is still rather rigid in its views either out of ignorance or prejudice.

Professor Eduard Gaugler of Mannheim University recently told a congress in Düsseldorf that a more flexible approach would be a "pioneering task in terms of more efficient management."

The difficulty of introducing even the most primitive form of flexibility in this field, part-time work, was experienced by Posth at his own company.

The offer made to all 4,400 office workers of the Audi works in Ingolstadt and Neckarsulm to reduce working hours to six, four-and-a-half or four hours a day has been accepted by only 22 since February.

Posth had cautiously assumed that 100 would accept, saying that he would have hoped for 200 acceptances if things had gone well.

He sees the reason for the failure not so much in the staff's unwillingness to go along but in the lack of support for the idea from the department heads.

It would have been up to them to assess the feasibility of part-time work and to brief the staff.

Many were not prepared to give enough time to the task. Others feared a loss in status.

Posth: "If I use my secretary for six instead of eight hours, people will say 'That fellow hasn't got enough to do'."

Even so, Audi intends to continue with its efforts to reduce costs and safeguard jobs through more part-time work.

Companies that tackled the problem some time ago have had more positive experiences. Thus, for instance, five per cent of the 165,000 staff members of Siemens now work part-time. The company's target is ten per cent.

Part-time work pays off for the employers even if it does not cut the payroll in terms of numbers.

Though part-time work raises personnel costs (BMW, where five per cent of the staff works part-time, has had a three per cent rise), this is more than offset by "improved performance and less absenteeism," says BMW's Gerhard Bihl.

For the workers, this means a cut in pay and future social security pension benefits. But it remains an attractive proposition to those with two earners in the family.

Due to the income tax progression their net income drops far less than the gross income. In net terms, the hourly pay is much higher than for somebody working full-time.

For people who have worked for many years, the drop in pension benefits is minimal if they switch to part-time work.

Experts are disagreed on the number of people who would be prepared — and in a position — to accept the drop in earnings that goes with part-time work.

Polls show that many people would accept part-time work, not so many actually take the chance when it comes.

This was the experience of Ravensburg-based Rafi GmbH & Co, which is taking part in an experiment by the Baden-Württemberg Social Affairs Ministry and the Fraunhofer Institute for the Testing of Flexible Work Time Models.

At Rafi GmbH, the staff can choose either a four-day work week or a work day, two hours shorter.

So far, only 27 of the 900 staff members have accepted. "Not exactly a huge success," concedes manager Josef Pfeffer. But the firm continues to stick to its target of 100.

Convinced that the potential has not yet been exhausted, Audi's Posth intends to continue the campaign.

But seeing how difficult it is to introduce part-time work, he can well imagine the difficulties in introducing more complicated schemes. "It's like a brick wall," he says.

The still unsolved organisational problems will provide ammunition for those who have been saying "It won't work" from the very beginning.

According to Professor Gaugler, flexibility drives are hampered by legislators, labour courts and the parties to collective bargaining.

They could do a great deal towards

Firms try to find more part-time jobs

women now holding full-time jobs and 20 per cent of the men would be prepared to accept part-time work if it were offered.

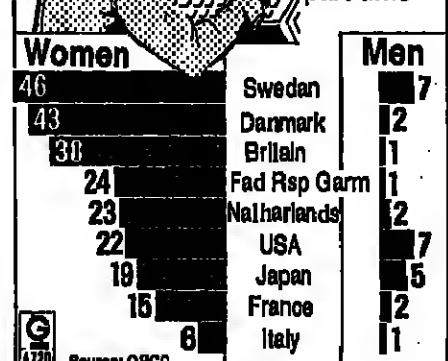
The association's guidelines are intended to encourage business to examine its staff structure to find out where new part-time jobs can be created or full-time work changed to part-time.

The association says that both the personal needs of the workers and company needs must be taken into account.

The work day could be four, five or six hours and the work week 20, 25 or 30 hours, spread over morning, afternoon or evening. Work could be done daily or on particular days of the week or it could even be on certain weeks of the month.

Molitor concedes that providing new

Part-time jobs
Percentage of workforce employed part time



flexible working times if they restricted themselves to providing framework regulations, leaving the rest to the individual company.

Audi is now preparing a thorough analysis of what can be done. The necessity of re-thinking on the entire production process has now become obvious.

Longer operating times make more sense in certain bottleneck areas like die cutting, then with the actual assembly operation.

Posth: "You cannot assemble cars in three eight-hour shifts."

To introduce flexible working hours in individual sectors, production processes that are now coupled to each other must be uncoupled.

Time is of the essence because the trade unions are making a concerted push for a 35-hour work week and there is a clash on the horizon.

To counter this, many companies are now seriously thinking about flexible working hours. But there is also growing resistance: since the employers' associations have started praising more flexible hours as a way out of the 35-hour week, the unions have suddenly become aggressive.

Posth says it is regrettable that the discussion over flexible hours did not start before the drive for the 35-hour week.

He puts some of the blame on management: "We should have dealt with this issue years ago and quite independently of collective bargaining."

Wirtschaftswoche, 16 September 1983

part-time jobs would mean more personnel costs due to the new people having to be trained, more equipment and higher social security contributions.

More staff could also add to operating costs by reaching the number where special facilities are required by law, the need to employ a company doctor and numerous other reasons.

But all these additional costs, he said, would be offset by more work efficiency.

Indirect barriers to part-time work due to less social security in terms of unemployment benefits would have to be removed by the lawmakers who would have to make part-time workers equal to their full-time opposite numbers in that respect.

In the medium term, Molitor says, he expects more than 50,000 part-time jobs in the chemical industry.

But "an across-the-board shortening of the work week would increase labour costs and could ultimately lead to even more unemployment."

Klaus Heinemann

(Rheinische Post, 15 September 1983)

FINANCE

USA improvement pulls world trade along

World trade reached a low point at the beginning of this year, says the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in its latest annual report.

A slight recovery in the first half of this year was primarily because America was doing better economically. GATT also says that the period from 1980 through 1982 was the worst of the past 35 years. Both world production and international trade dropped by an average of two per cent in 1982.

Since the upturn was when world trade had reached its nadir, trade would have to grow by two per cent in the second half of this year to reach an annual average that would at least equal last year's figures.

GATT considers it possible that the "modest aim" of stabilising world trade at last year's low level can be achieved, but it sees no sign of a world upturn similar to after the 1975 recession.

Then the three per cent drop in the volume of trade was made up for in the following year by an 11 per cent rise. But now the old mechanisms through which national upturns were passed on to the world economy no longer function as they used to in previous recovery phases, the report says.

The formerly dynamic export markets in the Third World do not yield much anymore because most of the commodity earnings of developing countries go into debt servicing, leaving little for imports.

And the further development of the American upturn and creeping protectionism have introduced so many elements of uncertainty that rising exports no longer go hand in hand with rising investments.

GATT is convinced that even a sustained upturn in world trade would not rid it of the shackles of protectionism, capital shortage and foreign debt.

It recommends that the time has come to use the cyclical recovery phase to revert to a more open foreign trade arrangement and to adjust national industrial structures to changed market conditions.

In the wake of trade barriers that were erected world-wide and long before the 1974 rise in unemployment, there emerged an international price structure that no longer has a signal effect on supply and demand, says GATT.

The continued high interest rates indicate that the international liquidity is insufficient to pay for innovation.

Especially in such traditional savers countries as Japan, France and the Federal Republic, savings had dropped markedly in favour of consumption.

To make matters worse, the money surpluses of the Opec countries are not only declining. Some Opec countries are now in fact borrowers.

The inflation of the 1970s, with its

most negative interest on capital, has created huge unused production capacities in the industrial nations — capacities that have become unprofitable because of drastic increase in interest.

Industry was too quick to replace work by capital, particularly the textile industry, which is protected by restrictions for imports from developing countries.

These goods could have been produced much more cheaply in the Third World, which would have reduced the developing countries' debt burden and provided the industrial nations with more money for investments.

Instead, the international trade and finance system has been strained by the fact that about 40 per cent of the exports of the borrower countries is hampered by trade restrictions imposed by the lending countries.

GATT says production in 1982 fell 3.5 per cent in Western industrialised nations and rose slightly more than 2 per cent in the East Bloc.

Two shares in world trade of the various groups of countries have barely changed, except for the Opec nations, whose share dropped from 14 to 12 per cent, the report says.

The Opec trade surplus dropped by US\$50bn to about US\$70bn. This is only 40 per cent of the 1980 figure.

While 1982 saw a stocking up of inventories in Europe, American inventories dropped markedly in the first half of 1983.

Frank A. Linden
(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 9 September 1983)

Recovery is accelerating, says bank

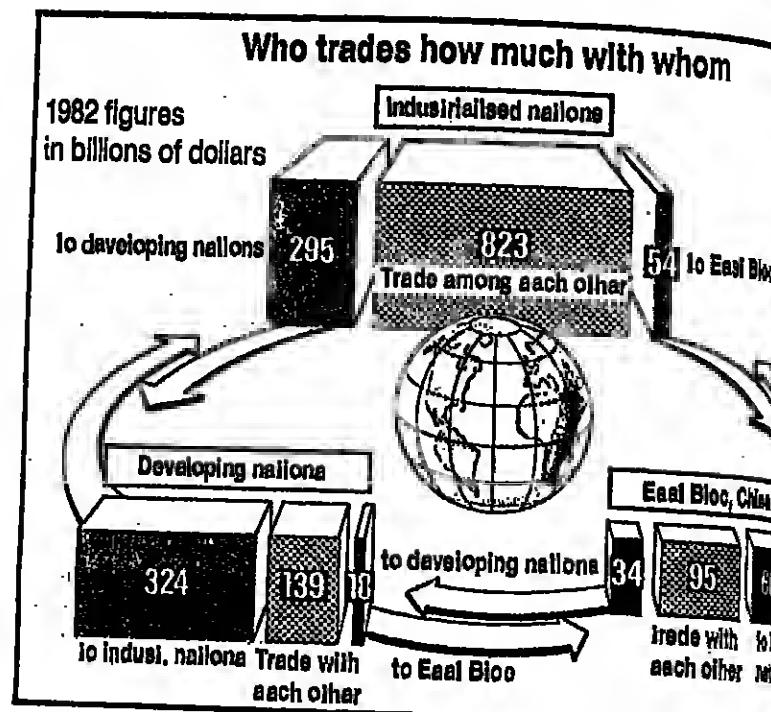
goods, the office equipment industry led.

Machinery lagged behind last year's output — primarily because of the decline in exports.

Construction figures for the middle of this year considerably exceeded last year's levels.

The Bundesbank attributes growing investments (investments for plant and equipment in the first half of the year were 6.5 per cent up against the first half of 1982) to government incentives and to improved profits.

But higher earnings, it warns, should not gloss over the fact that many companies have registered no marked improvement on that score.



Economy picks up in Germany

Germany's economic recovery in the first half of this year has been anticipated. The trend will continue, says the Berlin-based DIW (German Institute for Economic Research).

DIW which had been expected the average 1983 GNP per cent (adjusted for inflation) 1982.

DIW has revised down its unemployment forecast of 2.5 million for the end of the year, but stresses the fact that nothing about beyond this year, but stresses the fact that the Bonn government could consolidation of its 1984 budget.

This could put an abrupt end to the upturn and jeopardise the budgetary deficits.

DIW also warns against interest rates that could be a signal for a long-term rise in rates. The latest increase of the interest rate by the Bundesbank is a compromise between widely differing views by DIW.

Inflation is expected to drop three per cent by the end of the year, DIW attributes the improvement in the economic position in the first half of this year primarily to private consumption and investments in equipment due to government subsidies. Though the impulses for private consumption are likely to diminish in the second half of the year, could well be offset by investments in construction. Exports are showing signs of picking up. DIW expects a short-lived boom.

Professor Norbert Walter of the Institute for World Economics at the University of Bonn says that there was less idle production capacity and that production had increased in the first quarter.

But he doubted that this would last, as the steel, shipbuilding and mining industries.

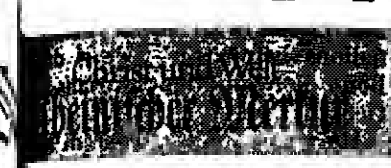
He forecast the start of a new boom in mid-1984, intensifying in 1985. This was primarily because of anticipated return of the Bundesbank to a more stringent monetary policy in the first half of 1984.

If the Bundesbank puts the money supply, he said, it will off the favourable impulses that have been coming from this quarter.

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 15 September 1983)

AVIATION

Lufthansa and Swissair top of the popularity poll



Lufthansa and Swissair are the most popular international airlines in Germany, according to a survey of 1,600 firms by the British publication, Annual Investment File.

However, many regular travellers Lufthansa have a love-hate relationship with the airline.

They often must put up with stewards about as charming as a malingering soldier. Many travellers prefer the more relaxed and helpful Swissair.

Lufthansa's reputation for reliability keeps the passengers coming. Especially business travellers, form the bulk of all airline passengers.

In 1982 94 per cent of Lufthansa passengers were on time. However, such punctuality has its price. It supposes first-class personnel, good food and excellent technical qualifications, which are guaranteed by Lufthansa's training criteria and the company's financial soundness.

The continuity of performance is enhanced by Lufthansa's own training facilities, such as the Seeheim Training Centre, which provides basic and further training for 5,000 Lufthansa employees each year, or the school for

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The revenue load factor thus improved compared to the first half of 1982 by 0.9 per cent, figuring at 60.3 per cent.

At the same time, the number of passengers rose by 1.2 per cent to 6.9 million. Gross air traffic earnings climbed to DM3.5bn (up 3.3 per cent).

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PERSPECTIVE

More imagination needed to reduce East-West mistrust

Countess Marianne Dönhoff recently suggested in *Die Zeit*, the Hamburg weekly, that a non-aggression pact between the superpowers might help towards overcoming mistrust between East and West. Views were invited. This is one of them. It was written by Horst Teltschik, a senior Chancellery official who is Chancellor Helmut Kohl's closest security adviser.

Never before have there been such comprehensive and intensive negotiations between East and West on disarmament and arms control as this year. And yet the fear of a continued arms race, the fear of a nuclear apocalypse, and mistrust between politicians in East and West seem to be growing day by day.

The abutting down of a South Korean airliner by Soviet aircraft, and the senseless death of 269 people, including women and children, is almost symbolic of the hysteria of a world power which believes that it cannot allow an allegedly unidentifiable aircraft to violate its airspace.

It does indeed look as if reason and a sense for reality are falling by the wayside more and more often. There is a growing delusion that the other side is only interested in a supremacy which would endanger one's own security, even though everyone knows that no one side can press the famous button without at the same time guaranteeing its own destruction.

Such an atmosphere is the worst possible basis for successful disarmament and arms control negotiations, for a policy of détente and cooperation between East and West.

It is therefore hardly surprising that East-West relations are being reduced more and more to merely counting the missiles without any of them actually being scrapped in the end.

These vital negotiations cannot be successful without a minimum amount of mutual trust and good will. Yet how can this be brought about?

To begin with, both sides must return to a realistic and down-to-earth assessment of the other side.

The Soviet Union is not a "realm of evil" and the United States is not preparing for a third world war. Both East and West are in danger of becoming captives to their own propaganda.

No matter how former President Nixon is rated, no-one can deny his successes in foreign policy. These were rooted in the American acceptance of the Soviet Union as a world power of equal importance. Negotiations were conducted accordingly.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl felt the after effects during his talks in Moscow in June this year.

The Russian bear almost appears to embody a mixture of "soul" and physical power. The demonstration of military might and the inferiority complex of a dictatorship are two sides of the same coin.

In addition, the historical experience of a nation which was once threatened by Asian hordes as well as by the Swedes, the Poles and the Turks must be considered.

The taking of Moscow by Napoleon is just as unforgotten as are the 20 mil-

lion Russians who died during the Second World War.

All this has not only led to an exaggerated security-mindedness which now threatens the Soviet Union's neighbours, but also in the unwillingness of the Soviet Union to accept that military power and military presence are not the same as political stability and lasting political influence.

The experience by the USA in Vietnam was not able to stop Moscow from marching into Afghanistan.

The uninhibited armament of the Soviet Union during the seventies during a period of declared détente policies threatens to lead to precisely those results which the Soviet leadership wishes to prevent at all costs.

Japan is thinking more and more seriously about the need for its own armament. During the Williamsburg economic summit Japan supported the security-policy declaration by six western industrialised nations, all members of the Atlantic Alliance, for the first time.

If no agreement is reached to the disarmament talks in Geneva by November NATO will rearm.

Up until today the Soviet Union has not acknowledged the revolutionary ideas behind the NATO double-decision: the renunciation of rearmament by NATO providing the Soviet Union agrees to disarm.

The intention is a balance at a lower level.

The Soviet refusal means going back to the traditional policy of the arms spiral: equilibrium and parity via rearmament and thus more armament.

All this certainly doesn't make disarmament in East and West any easier.

It is time that the Soviet leaders began rethinking the costs and benefits of their policy.

The West must respect the historically evolved need for security expressed by the Soviet Union, as presented by Chancellor Kohl in his policy speech on May 4.

This does not however mean that the Soviet security moves and the efforts to achieve parity with the United States should be made at the expense of Western Europe.

The American presence and the Atlantic Alliance remain an essential part of Western Europe's security.

When perceiving these security interests, however, the West should not limit itself to military aspects.

One of the main pillars of our stability is the free democratic constitutional structure of our society, its social peace, our economic force, innovative abilities, creativity and determined desire for peace.

This should give the West greater self-confidence, self-awareness and composure. This is also an asset which we should use in relations with the Soviet Union; not in the form of ideological or economic warfare but as an offer. In Helmut Kohl's policy speech we find the words "We Germans have numerous historical ties with the East".

Against the background of the firm foundation of friendship with the United States and our Western European neighbours we Germans must revive this richness of historical experience in political, economic, intellectual and cul-



Horst Teltschik... "Propaganda danger on both sides." (Photo: Sven Simon)

tural exchange with our Eastern European neighbours.

There can never be enough "political and diplomatic imaginativeness" to encourage the dialogue and cooperation between East and West in all fields.

The mutual security interests are not the only problems we could solve together with our neighbours in the East.

In her article, Countess Dönhoff rightly referred to the example of environmental protection. The West German government is working on proposals for cooperation in this field.

What is needed is continuity and reliability in economic relations to the benefit of both sides. This includes a more extensive cultural exchange and scientific and technological cooperation.

The Bonn government's offer to the Soviet Union: to extend and develop all fields of relations, above all to facilitate talks on disarmament and arms control.

Chancellor Kohl's talks in Moscow were designed to reinforce mutual trust. So was the loan to East Germany.

Bonn is also doing all it can to bring about a successful conclusion in the Geneva talks.

The conclusion of the Helsinki Follow-up Conference in Madrid and the decision to set up a Conference for Disarmament in Europe in the spring of 1984 are signs in the right direction.

Bonn has put forward concrete proposals for this conference to the Alliance. It has also developed new suggestions for the Vienna talks on mutual force reduction in Europe.

I still maintain that the willingness and desire to effect arms control and disarmament have never been greater than today. Never before have there been greater efforts to achieve this goal.

However, such efforts can only be rewarded by success. If the deep mistrust between East and West is removed.

To this end, Chancellor Kohl unequivocally advocates a meeting between Reagan and Andropov. This must be the next step.

With the exception of Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, we are dealing with a Soviet leadership which is not personally acquainted with America and Europe or its politicians.

It cannot be ruled out that a top-level meeting before the coming election campaign in the United States may well be a prerequisite to any decisive breakthrough in disarmament talks.

Whether it will be possible to draw up a non-aggression treaty between the two alliances, as suggested by Countess Dönhoff, does not only depend on the willingness shown by the West, but above all on the prevention of any repetition of incidents such as the shooting down of the South Korean airliner.

Trust must be on a mutual basis.

Horst Teltschik

(Die Zeit, 23 September 1983)

How Genscher sees Geneva state of play

Everything is being done in a result in the Geneva talks before the year is out. Bonn Foreign Minister Genscher, in this interview, also expresses concerns about the SPD.

Question: Do you expect a solution in the Geneva negotiations this year or — as former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt believes — coming year?

Genscher: We are making every effort to make it possible to reach a solution this year. This is in the national interest.

It is therefore all the more surprising that the Social Democrats towards advocating blocking the NATO double-decision.

This weakens the Western position in Geneva.

Q: Is a modification of the negotiating position possible to make a change in the Soviet Genschn more likely?

Genscher: Not a modification. But as I pointed out in the Bonn press conference on September 16 the American position is flexible.

At the same time, I pointed out that there are no consultations in the West on extension and specification of West's position.

Q: If there is no change in the negotiating position, will the Federal Republic's security policy be affected?

Genscher: Recent developments in the SPD explain why an SPD member of SPD voters feel more uncertain.

They are beginning to realize the long bridge, which is as precarious as a carnival marquee.

Q: You won't find another one like her in the world?

Genscher: The answer is that the engines with a total of 20,000 hp provide the thrust: the 3,900-ton ship.

The power components are coordinated by an electronic calculator. All that is required is the flick of a switch to level-headed security policy.

Q: Rumours have recently circulated that a few members of the SPD are looking like pinball machines on his throne in the middle of the federal government.

Genscher: The answer is that the Rumours to the contrary do not come from the CDU but are part of the gossamer fabrications by certain democrats.

They go as far as to believe that the interests must be represented and foremost against the SPD and not, which would be more against Moscow.

They fail to mention that we are threatened by American missiles and Soviet missiles.

We are trying and have shown we are able to voice the interests of our country in the heart of Europe.

Karl Hügel

(Nordwest-Zeitung, 20 September 1983)

cool approach to an ice-cold task

From the blue star on its funnel there is nothing very dreamy about the research ship *Polarstern*, which is off to cut its way again through Arctic wastes.

It is a brawny powerhouse of technology, a veritable German ship which was more expensive than a supertanker.

It cuts through metre-thick pack ice as if it were slicing cake, and it has the mod cons of a luxury liner.

Geologists, meteorologists and other researchers on board it will be off for its second trip to the Arctic.

Since the *Polarstern* returned from its maiden voyage to the Atlantic, scientists have been gradually making what a great ship this is.

The Alfred Wegener Institute for Research in Bremerhaven plays a part in assessing the information during scientific expeditions.

The ship, 118 metres by 25, and with its sophisticated electronic brain, cuts through ice which is 1.5 metres thick by ramming them in.

The ship is a centrepiece of the still German Antarctic research effort. It has about DM300m at its disposal to build the *Polarstern*.

The ship's sides are made in some parts of special steel 5 centimetres thick. Bulkheads make sure that the ship cannot sink even if the exterior is damaged.

Apart from the excellent icebreaker qualities life on the *Polarstern* is comfortable. The 75 cabins, all fitted with a shower and toilet, provide space for 106 persons (the ship's crew is at present 41).

If the spray starts to freeze on deck, there's nothing like taking a wander down to the heated swimming pool inside the ship or taking a seat in the ship's library.

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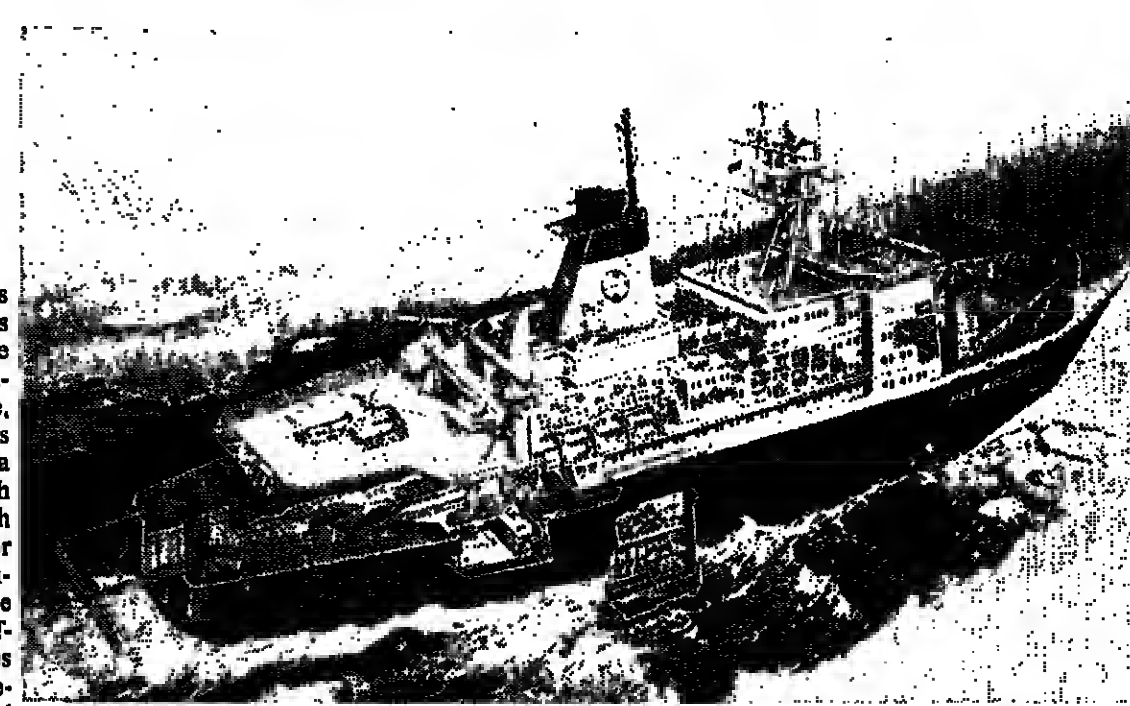
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One of the things which makes the tough job in the inhospitable wastes so interesting is the enormous importance of the Antarctic for the world's climate.

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'Polarstern' needs ice to feel good.

(Artist's impression: Stern)

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Ingrid Baus

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 10 September 1983)

Simulating waves in a tunnel

One of the world's largest wave tunnels has been built in Hanover for experimental research on sea movements.

The concrete tunnel, 324 metres long and seven metres deep, is a joint facility of the University of Hanover and the Technical University of Brunswick. Building costs were about DM20m.

It is possible to simulate the movements of the sea in the tunnel in a scaled-down form.

Research is to be conducted on how coastal protection constructions should be built capable of taking the strain of extremely powerful storm tides.

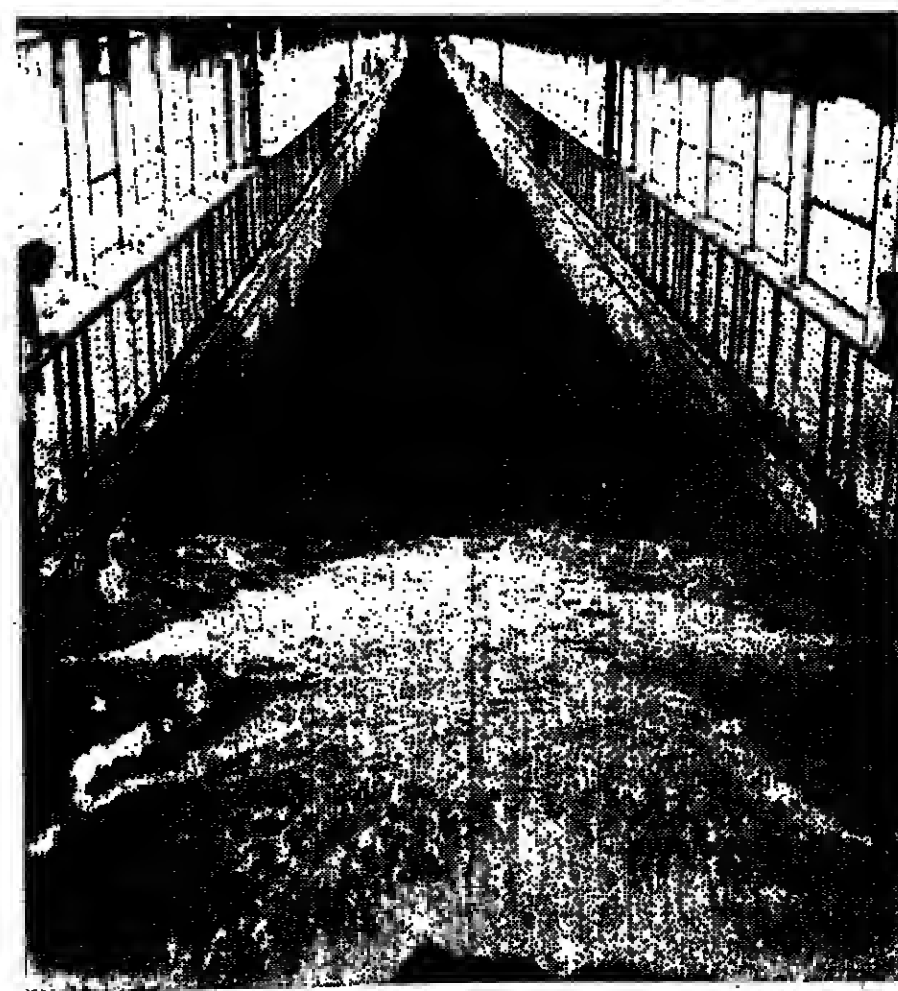
To be able to simulate the natural conditions on the coast, about eight million litres of water have to be moved in the wave tunnel. This is done with the aid of a 900 kilowatt wave machine.

The mechanics used in aviation and shipbuilding often fail to provide the results needed due to factors connected with the water's surface tension and the associated formation of spray by breaking waves.

The wave tunnel also makes it possible to research the vast movements of sand caused during a storm.

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(Der Tagesspiegel, 16 September 1983)



The water watchers in Hanover.

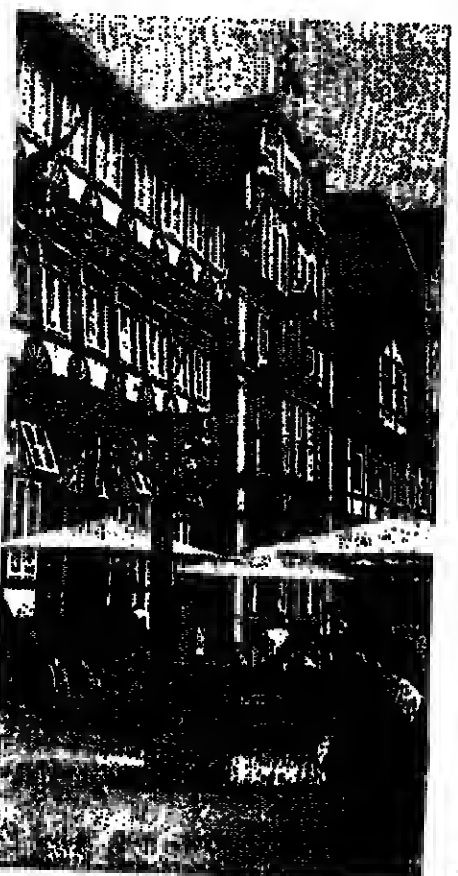
(Photo: dpa)

■ THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Pied Piper town holds out against redevelopment

The people of Hameln in Lower Saxony have won a victory over the bulldozer. The old city centre with its half-timbered, centuries-old houses, has been preserved. It will not now give way to concrete housing and business complexes.

Fifteen years ago the city adopted a plan, to pull down a quarter of the old



New look for 16th century Osterstraße, now a pedestrianised zone.

(Photos: Siegfried Hantel)

town and build department stores and four-storey apartment blocks.

Four monster parking garages and overpasses on the periphery of the old city centre were to free the inner core of traffic.

The city slopes to the Weser River were set aside for terraced glass and concrete buildings.

The original renewal concept had been recognised by Bonn and the state of Lower Saxony as a model case and work was to have proceeded with heavy subsidies.

Frankfurter Allgemeine

But in 1973 the city yielded to public pressure and dropped the plan in that form although the subsidies that were already set aside made the original plans more or less binding.

In any event, the realisation won through that the character of the old city centre with its narrow, winding streets and many 15th and 16th century Weser Renaissance houses must be preserved.

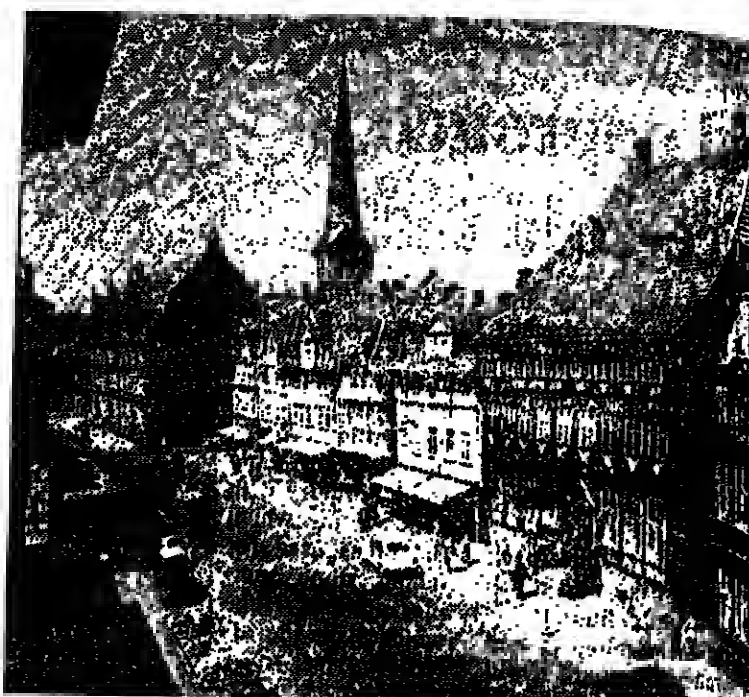
Some of the plans for new construction that had already become legally binding were revised. For certain parts of the old town the change came too late. Twenty per cent of the buildings had already been razed.

Plans for a concrete skyline along the Weser River were dropped and the initially planned parking garages were put underground, thus saving the city an eyecore.

Planned demolition work was stopped, and in cases where buildings had already been razed the city dropped the original idea of putting up modern housing blocks in favour of parks and playgrounds.



Before and after: renovation at Neue Marktstraße 23.



Putting Pied to modernisation plans — Hameln's main street.

The area set aside for commercial purposes was halved, and pedestrian zones were extended by providing traffic with tunnels and overpasses.

The city's new approach to the old town paid off handsomely. People began repainting and smartening up their houses, prompted partly by pride and partly by grants.

Millions were put into restoring such sights as the Rattenfängerhaus (Pied Piper building), the Stiftsherrenhaus and the Leithaus — all dating back to the 16th or very early 17th century.

The zeal of the citizens in some figures: while Bonn, the city of Hameln put about a "grammar" of "bodily expression" is estimated at about 100,000.

Now that much of the work is done, the city has reason to be proud.

One city councillor points out that the entire scheme was anybody being forced to sell.

Still, 407 households in the old town had to be temporarily given housing.

The renewal of the old town has all the look of space in the now houses only 2,800 people (4,800) is to be completed as a whole.

The original target for the work, 1985, has been pushed considerably to enable the city to do various measures such as building regulations and the establishment of pedestrian zones and further pedestrian zones.

Running that they have a struggle ahead of them, the city have appealed in all concerned very patient and forbearing.

Work is bound to come to a standstill next year due to the flood of tourists when the city celebrates the 700th anniversary of the founding of the town. The Pied Piper in 1284 be seen again.

Wolfgang... (Frankfurter Allgemeine für Deutschland, 15 September 1983)

THE PERFORMING ARTS

Pantomime in tradition of Eastern Europe and Asia



For the past decade Cologne has been the centre of German pantomime. The Kefka Theatre, set up by Slovak Milan Sladek in a small room here in 1974, is one of the main centres.

At the time there were only 90 seats, technical props and equipment, stage which was much too small for Sladek to put his aesthetic centre into practice.

Sladek was out to make a stand for the one-number pantomime popular in France by Etienne Decroux, born in 1898, devoted to the "grammar" of "bodily expression" is estimated at about 100,000.

Sladek had been brought up in Eastern European tradition and tried to establish pantomime as an ensemble form. This "unimodramu" makes use of the methods and possibilities available to the genre of pantomime.

Although his work was successful he often faced financial difficulties. In the long run it proved impossible to keep the lucrative yet exhausting international tours going.

Providing they do not misuse their medium as a mere means of conveying pithy slogans and ideologies, most famous film directors feel at home in the field of fine arts.

The film is a means of visual composition. It is surprising how few film-makers appreciate this fact.

This makes it easier for those who do work vividly with the celluloid medium to make film history.

One such director was Sergei Eisenstein, who is still admired and envied by film fanatics and film-goers alike thirty-five years after his death.

His monumental film *The Battleship Potemkin*, made in 1925, has become a legend. In the film, Eisenstein turns a flight of steps into a stage for vast crowd scenes. The magic of his pictures had an irresistible appeal to the audience.

With its exhibition entitled "Example Eisenstein, Drawings, Theatre, Film", the Düsseldorf Art Gallery presents a film artist whose aim was to achieve a "synthesis of the arts".

260 drawings, just as many photos and several props were sent to the exhibition in Düsseldorf from the Moscow Archives, which possesses a huge collection of Eisenstein's works.

The material on show, which is presented both in reader and picture-book form, is carefully arranged. It provides an idea of the extent and many-sidedness of Eisenstein's talents, an artist who concentrated on suggestive pictures, both stationary and moving.

Eisenstein was familiar with opera stages, film studios, outdoor scenes and theatre.

Rooms, props and lively scenarios evolve from designs and sketches, are more clearly defined in drawings, and finally come to life in the film, the theatre, or the opera.

The grotesqueries *Das Geschenk* (The Present) showed the extent to which pantomime can incorporate the methods of black theatre.

Sladek's short pieces stood in sharp contrast to usual one-number pantomime. There was no mere structural sequence of exercises, no restriction by gestures or movements laden with "meaning".

Sladek's are poetic solo performances which tell a well thought-out story.

Wallfisch (Whale) and *Mein Lieblingsballett* (My Favourite Ballet) were definitely the best.

The Canadian and Dutch performers underlined the extent to which their pantomime is still subject to the schoolmasterish influence of Etienne Decroux.

The audience would have liked to have seen Decroux's son, Maximilian Decroux, whom Sladek had invited to the festival. However, he was indisposed right from the start and his performance had to be cut short.

One of his "disciples" did what he could to save the day: twenty-eight year old Hungarian András Kocsák, who appeared the following evening.

This bald-headed artist, reminiscent of Harald Krutzberg, found himself embedded in the conflict between the fixed meaning of certain movements



The Sankai Juku group from Japan performing in Cologne.

(Photo: Michael Fehlauer)

and the artistic message. The existing realism problem in Eastern Europe was an additional difficulty.

This became all too clear in *Des Teufels Versuchungen* (The Devil's Temptations), where Kocsák was unable to supercede reality.

For example, the wickedness in man did not come across properly, only the cliché of a horned devil.

In this respect, Kocsák's mimic interpretation of Mussorgsky's *Picture at an Exhibition*, in the synthesiser version from Isao Tomita, was much better.

Kocsák relies here on his feeling for the electronic sound of the musical

Pièce de résistance. He developed an impressive architecture of movement, the self-presentation of a highly differentiated human being, radiating self-awareness.

Many of the comprehensive sequences were of a quality lacking among a large number of the other solo artists and companies: a carefully composed structure and the full use of the body's range of expressions.

One of the highlights of this year's festival was undoubtedly the Sankai Juku group of Japanese Buto dancers.

Their performance was not only different.

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A film legend: Eisenstein goes on living



"Ivan the Terrible", a drawing by Eisenstein. (Photo: Catalogue)

Eisenstein is a revolutionary in more senses than one. He portrays the Russian Revolution and revolutionises our ideas and perception.

Each sheet, each photographic se-

quence, each film collage in films such as *The Battleship Potemkin* or *Ivan the Terrible* reveals the artist's physical and intellectual efforts.

Even in its stationary and silent form, the picture is transformed into an emotionalising agent.

"The new art must put an end to the dualism of the emotional and rational spheres," Eisenstein postulates.

"The coarseness of the speculative form" has been given back "the whole luxuriance and richness of a living and perceptible form."

These are powerful words which Eisenstein transformed into deeds.

His own openness to new ideas and suggestions helped him in his work.

Unconventional pictorial worlds emerge without the aftertaste of the eclectic.

His own national and foreign folkloric styles such as cubism and constructivism, provoke his fantasy and imagination, result in the unmistakable Eisenstein style, which always remains "Russian."

As Naum Kleiman, the curator of Eisenstein's house in Moscow, explains:

"He did not want to stylise. He wanted to understand style, but not as a pattern. It was important to him not to lose the national character."

Kleiman provides evidence for the fact that despite the merging of various cultures in films such as *Ivan the Terrible*, for example, the basis of Russian culture is clearly discernible.

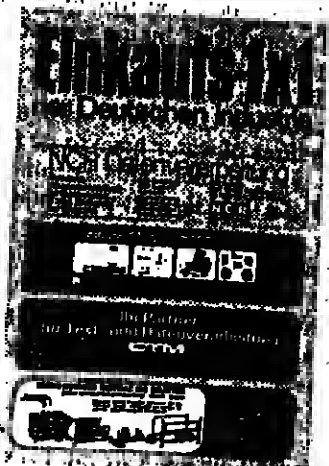
"There is the Japanese No theatre, El Greco, Magnasco, thousands of varying directions which are based on old Russian culture."

The measure of all pictures was for Eisenstein the individual — profoundly immoral, ideologically good.

Werner Krüger

(Köln: Stadt-Anzeiger, 17 September 1983)

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THE ARTS

Soviet cultural window
at Berlin festival

The 33rd Berlin Festival features Russian concerts, operas and theatrical performances. The range of material is sensational.

Works that have never been presented outside the Soviet Union are included.

The Soviet authorities not only approved of the show, they helped prepare it. The Moscow literature museum lent many items.

The fact that West Berlin has at last been chosen for such a contact between East and West, and with Soviet blessing, makes the festival an event of both political and cultural significance.

The programme avoids no risk, and the very first two theatre performances invited the audience to venture into unknown territory.

Because these two pieces had not been seen together since their premiere at the St. Petersburg Lunapark Theatre where they were shown only twice, in December 1913, and then alternately.

In the Academy of the Arts, the Los Angeles-based California Institute of the Arts presented the opera *Victory over the Sun*. It was the first performance with the recently discovered original music.

And *Vladimir Mayakovsky Tragedy* (a first work in which the censor confused the author's name with the title) was premiered at the Schiller Theatre

Workshop in a new version by Heiner Müller.

Both pieces are manifestos of Russia's futurists: *Victory over the Sun*, where a synaesthesia is formed by the libretto with its play on words (by Alexei Krutichov), the anaemic piano music (by Mikhail Matyushin), the cubistic black and white posters (by Casimir Malevich) and the cast appearing in masks covering the whole body, provides the vision of a "new era".

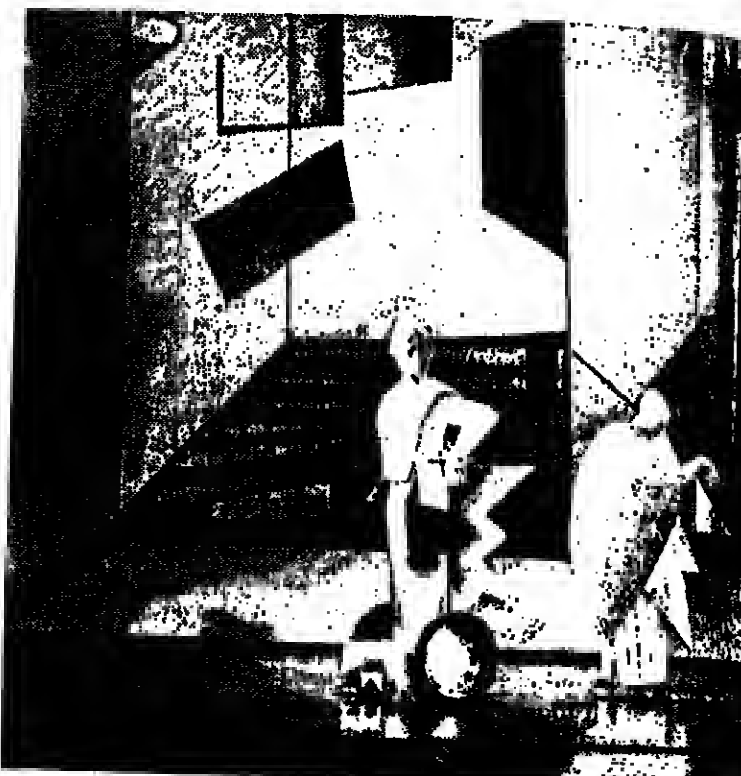
Futuristic music-bound figures capture the soul, lock it up in concrete and "free" themselves of the dictates of its unending cycle.

Mayakovsky's first work, where the author himself is the only real person, surrounded by figures of his imagination, also reaches into a future dominated by technology: in the first act, the poet is poor and discusses the possibility of freeing crippled and socially disadvantaged people.

In the second act, he has been elevated to dukedom and is wooed by people who have lost all awareness of their suffering.

Are these critical or glorifying depictions of technological progress? Are they negative or positive utopias?

In the first case, the question is not discussed. Robert Benedetto's production lays claim to being a "reconstruction of the premiere", notwithstanding the fact that it uses an English translation



A scene from 'Victory over the Sun'.

(Photo: ...)

tion and presents the opera as a revu-like grotesque with puppet and robot-like characters.

Instead of examining the material in its suitability for today's theatre, he (mis)understands it as a historic document.

In the second case, promoted by Müller's rhymeless, powerful and abbreviated verse translation, the protagonist is removed from his concrete background and elevated to a timely existential metaphor.

Mayakovsky, whose various postures Friedrich-Karl Praetorius exhibits re-

ther than adopts, is depicted as a poet of a crisis; a poet who, at the end, must fall back on himself.

Thus the two performances moved far away from the fact that they were once the early symptoms of chronic damage of one and the same aesthetic.

Comparing them shows the tactics of viewing avant-garde as a view mirror.

Andreas ...
(Deutsches Allgemeine ...)

HEALTH

Noise a major cause of
illness at work

ill-pervading noise of the industrial era is a major menace to health. Noise-induced semi-deafness is Germany's number one occupational disorder.

According to cost projections, it will go into pension payments and medical care disabled by noise.

has prompted Dr Erwin Haas, medical director of the Ear, Nose and Throat Departments of the Karlsruhe-Vincennes Hospitals, to urge the workers to the Karlsruhe Therapy Center to step up preventive measures.

For regular checkups and in-ear drives, he deplored the fact that many workers are lax in using the earplugs covering their ears, which noise levels exceed 95 decibels.

Impairments due to noise develop over a period of many years if the noise exceeds 85 decibels.

Dr Spreng also told the congress that workers who are exposed to 95 decibels without protecting their ears have a considerably higher blood pressure than those who wear protective ear covers.

Norendralin (a hormone that raises the blood pressure) levels in the urine of those who wore no protective covering were 16 per cent higher than for those who protected themselves from the noise. The magnesium level in the blood was down five per cent.

As everybody knows, noise tends to make people edgy, and the louder the noise the greater the irritability.

The effects of noise are stored in the body, and the agitated sections of the brain adversely affect the body's regulatory system that controls blood pressure.

A protracted interference with the normal functioning of this regulatory system can be one of the reasons behind high blood pressure though a person's physical constitution and psychological attitude play important roles here, said Dr Spreng.

In the human organism, it is primarily

ly the peripheral regulatory mechanisms that keep the blood pressure constant and adjust it when necessary. This relieves the central nervous system that now only has to make minor corrections.

But when the central nervous system becomes permanently activated by noise, the peripheral systems seem to lose their sensitivity.

The effect of noise on the intricate bodily processes can play havoc with more than just the blood pressure. Noise can lead to insomnia, protract the time it takes to fall asleep, cause a person to wake up frequently during the night and shift the various stages of sleep, reducing the phases of deep sleep.

The body's regulatory system gets out of kilter, with all the problems this can entail. People with high blood pressure and those in delicate health are much more sensitive to these processes than others.

"It is still totally unknown which regenerative processes take place during sleep," Spreng told the congress.

What is known is how people who are deprived of sleep for an extended period react: To start with, the body — as in other stress situations — produces more energy-rich phosphates.

After 100 hours the body switches on a thrift mechanism. Glucose absorption after an extended sleep deprivation deteriorates. There is also a loss in vitamin B1 and lipids from the fatty tissues are set in motion. The iron level drops to 45 per cent of normal after a wakeful period of 48 to 72 hours.

If a night's sleep is disturbed 18 times by noise levels of 40 to 80 decibels for 20 seconds at a time, the number of white blood corpuscles diminishes, leading to a reduced immunity to disease.

According to Dr Spreng, the most feasible approach in treating noise-induced high blood pressure is to dampen the central nervous system rather than direct the therapy at the peripheral system. Tampering with the peripheral system could entail the danger of desensitization.

Unfortunately, the simplest method, i.e. telling the patient to stay away from noise, is impossible in our noise-polluted environment.

Heidrun Graupner

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 15 September 1983)

Tracking down
the chemistry
of love

Two German scientists are tracking down the chemistry of love.

The article *Sex in der Luft oder: Pheromone steuern das Sexualleben* (sex in the air or pheromones control sex life) in *Münchner Medizinische Wochenschrift* by Professors R. Claus (Institute for Animal Husbandry at Hohenheim University) and P. Karlson (Institute for Physiological Chemistry in Marburg) reduces sex to pheromones.

Pheromones are chemical sex lures that have long been known to control the love life of butterflies. But little has been known about their function in humans.

Researchers have meanwhile found out that pheromones also stimulate the mating of certain animals.

Boar sex odours have already reached the marketing stage and artificial insemination experts use the "perfume" to make the sow hold still for insemination.

This particular perfume, the two authors say, consists of a blend of musk ox urine and sweet smells.

The odour is stored in the salivary glands. "When coming into contact with the sow, the boar starts salivating. Making rhythmic bowing movements, it beats the saliva into foam that exudes the smell that makes the sow hold still."

Boar pheromones are now made synthetically and marketed in spray cans.

The most widespread pheromones are those that influence procreation. Both wild and domesticated animals use pheromones to inform potential mates of their sexual readiness.

The extent to which pheromones influence the hormonal system has been proved in experiments with mice.

Pheromone signals have been seen to cause false pregnancies in females kept isolated from males. And in some instances the menstrual cycle broke down completely in large female mouse populations.

When a male joins such a female collective, the previously infertile animals become ready to conceive again.

It appears that every male mouse has its own particular "flair": If a female mouse senses the smell of another male immediately after having mated, the beginning pregnancy is disrupted and the female aborts.

Improved analysis methods have enabled scientists to isolate pheromone-like substances in humans as well, though these substances are produced in very low concentrations.

It has now been established that there is a considerable similarity between man and boar regarding the effects of pheromones.

Pheromones have been isolated in the underarm sweat and the urine of men.

Researchers have found that women headed for chairs impregnated with musk or substances rather than the unimpregnated ones in theatre and dentist's waiting rooms.

Celery and truffles contain considerable quantities of musk or substances.

Comment the authors of the article: "Even so, the gourmet Brillat-Savarin need not necessarily be right in his contention that truffles make women more compliant."

Jochen Aumiller
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The sad generation: researcher uncovers melancholy phenomenon

Sadness is a widespread phenomenon among children, says a Munich researcher.

Manfred Auwärter of the Max Planck Institute for Sociology, made his discovery in a study of 35 children aged between four and ten.

The material was gathered entirely in middle class, loving and outgoing families and in kindergartens.

Lower class children and social outsiders were not included.

More than two-thirds of the children considered themselves and others of their age group more unhappy than adults.

It was by pure coincidence that Auwärter — whose original idea was only to find out what children thought of adults — came across five-year-old Mariene, who told him: "Grownups are happier and they know more."

Mariene comes from an intact family that loves children. Everybody regards her as a well balanced child, and yet this child is not happy.

Startled by this discovery, Manfred Auwärter included the question of happiness in his interviews.

Of the 35 children he talked with, 27 told him that children were generally more unhappy than grownups.

Some were unable to make up their minds, and some thought that adults and children are equal in that respect. Only one of the children said that children were happier.

This seems to indicate that children are more vulnerable and more often hurt than is often thought.

The sad children from well-to-do homes gave various reasons for their melancholy. There is every likelihood that the reasons given were not always the true ones. Sadness may also have more than one reason.

Auwärter found the children's assessment of adults to be surprisingly lucid.

Children consider themselves and their friends as being more sensitive and vulnerable than adults, who are not so quick to cry.

One of the reasons given was fear of being abandoned by the parents and starving. Another reason was that the parents would find themselves short of the money needed to fulfil their wishes.

Fear of school was not an important aspect. But many children suffer from the fact that they have no say over themselves, that they cannot pick their friends and that they may not be aggressive.

Question: "Do you enjoy being a

child or would you rather be a grown-up?"

Answer: "I'd rather be a grown-up, I say to myself at night."

Q: "Why?"

A: (With great conviction): "It would be nicer because when you're a grown-up you can scold."

Told that she could do that anyway, Christine answered: "Yes, but only with Florian" (her little brother.)

Children envy adults their right to give orders. Adults are "bigger", "stronger" and "wiser" — but they laugh less.

The author warns against concluding that "the unfortunate children and the adults should mend their ways."

He points to the fact that children construct a social world of their own — a world that clearly differs from that which is generally seen as "the world of children."

Ursula Bunte

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 3 September 1983)

Adventure at a school on the waves

Germany's third "short-term school" is to start work aboard the 50-metre schooner *Thor Heyerdahl* next year.

Based on the principle of education through adventure introduced by Kurt Hahn (1886-1974), 28 young people will be given an opportunity to gain experience not available in everyday life.

The programme was drafted by a Hamburg physical education student Martin Schreiber.

Sailing, canoeing, life-saving and projects like water analyses, are included.

Half the youths in each course will be set adrift among Denmark's islands in two sailing dinghies. They will have to fend for themselves until their return to the *Thor Heyerdahl*.

The skipper, Detlef Soizek is also the ship's co-owner and a physical education teacher. He has much experience with short-term schools. Soizek will be helped by other teachers.

Professor Jörg Ziegenspeck of Lüneburg University, who is one of the chief representatives of the education through adventure move, has pledged his support.

There are more than 30 short-term schools world-wide, all operating on the Kurt Hahn principle.

Germany's two schools in Baad and Berchtesgaden use the Alps to provide the adventure.

A project involving ships in the Baltic fell through eight years ago because the school had to discontinue its work in the winter.

The *Thor Heyerdahl* owners, Soizek and Günter Hoffmann, who built the ship from the wreck of a motor vessel, intend to take her to the Caribbean in the winter and charter her.

The fees for the courses are still to be fixed. Soizek has been negotiating with private and public sector donors in a bid for subsidies.

(Frankfurter Rundschau, 8 September 1983)

Family life flown up the cathode

Many children today are none of that real life is important for development, says Professor Witter Bärse, president of the Child Protection Society.

The trend is more and more the silent family glued to the TV screen.

How to handle social problems posed by the new media is the society's appeal to parents.

The electronic media can manipulate the world, they state, formalise a person's view of it, they make genuine thought and reduce the wit and liveliness of person-to-person communication.

Professor Bärse.

The planned extension of programmes through cable TV, video, computer games and man are bound to aggravate the problems of today's family life.

But families have not even begun to cope with the problems posed by the media in general and television in particular.

In many families, the daily life is largely dominated by the programmes and contacts with the world are increasingly reduced.

Professor Bärse's greatest fear is the fact that people can be manipulated by the new media. They are seduced by the manner in which the TV newscasts are shown and mentories or the failure to mention certain events — not to mention the manipulative nature of advertising.

TV as "an electronic narcotic" for passive attitudes and perception. Yet it is particularly dangerous for the young and impressionable. If they are to master their lives.

The society does not exclude the possibility of physical and psychological damage.

"The media pose a temptation still, prevent children getting the things they need. Many children already have posture defects."

The society is also concerned about the craze over the portable carphone system popularised by name Walkman.

Some of the music had a volume up to 120 decibels, which is equivalent to a jet passing at a distance of 100 metres.

Wolkman isolated a person in his environment and was addictive. Brutal and pornographic violence were also of concern.

Many parents made these things accessible to their children. It could cause psychological damage.

This all was a challenge to the society but they were often only too late when the damage was already done.

This makes it more important that media policy decisions were made on technical and economic grounds only but on the needs of the child.

Professor Bärse also pointed out that the new media impose a strain resulting in frustration and only be used within the family.

(Stuttgarter Zeitung, 15 September 1983)

MODERN LIVING

Migrants and police: a liaison officer to smooth out problems

Hamburg's police station 16 operates in the St Pauli area of the city, the port and red light districts.

On the police station, in the Buda-Strasse, it is not far to the Infanterie-Kaserne. The houses are old, the shops and bars at street level and the flats above.

It is an area of old people and migrants. Nearly 30 per cent are Turkish.

Police station 16, headed by Dietrich Pöhl, employs a Turkish liaison officer, Jassemir Argüder, a 50 year old, a-born telecommunications technician.

His job is the result of talks between the Senator for the Interior, Albrecht Pöhl, and senior police officer Pöhl. They wanted to improve relations between police and the Turkish community.

Argüder is one of two Turks taken on to explain to the police the role of the police, the police understand Turkish habits and customs, and act as interpreters.

Professor Pawlarczyk: "Germans must take a big step towards trying to understand foreigners. Foreigners must learn to understand our legal system and act accordingly."

Argüder was put through several theoretical tests. He is considered to have the qualities of integrity and loyalty and is susceptible to corruption.

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Argüder stepped in. The police began an information campaign. The result? Not a single trading prosecution since.

Argüder says lot of his work involves family disputes, mostly between parents and the children.

Many of the children have grown up in Germany and he has to make it clear to parents that growing up in one country is not the same as in the other.

A girl, for example, reaches her majority in Germany when she is 18. It's not the same in Turkey.

Chelard: "The problems are not so much with people from Ankara. It is the

prosecutor, employed at a district court in Kieve, in North Rhine-Westphalia, was jailed for a year, but suspended upon payment of a 5,000 fine.

He has also been sacked from the service, unless an appeal reverses the decision.

The judge said that the 42 year old man had taken it upon himself to try young offenders the choice of the normal legal process.

Accepting an "educational alternative" of a flogging.

According to the evidence, in 20 years the corporal punishment was not used. There had been no suggestion of sexual motives.

In the case against the lawyer was the mother of one youth. However, most of the other parents thought alternative punishment was a good idea.

(Der Tagesspiegel, 14 September 1983)



the rural Turks. People who come here straight from the Bavarian forests can also have problems..." Conflict between Germans and Turks are rare. But in one particular area, there were a lot of Turkish bars at street level and a lot of Germans living on the floors above. Clashes were inclined to occur. But that was an exception. The feeling in Hamburg is that this liaison experiment should be expanded into other areas where there are many Turks.

It was thought that Argüder might not have enough to do. But he has too much, despite the fact that he is not involved in police operations or interviewing. His role is a back up service.

Are there typical Turkish crimes? Chelard and Argüder say no. "The question is a difference in mentality," says Chelard.

"An example: many Turks think that when they slaughter a sheep for a festival they can do it in the back yard or inside, on the floor. This doesn't happen often, but it does illustrate the point."

Karsten Plog

(Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger, 12 September 1983)

Art or vandalism? The Zurich Sprayer awaits answer in jail

Art or vandalism? That is the question hanging over 42-year-old Harald Nägeli, the "Zurich Sprayer", as he sits in a Lübeck cell waiting for a court to decide if he should be extradited to Switzerland.

The Swiss authorities say that Nägeli's night-time habit of painting stick-like figures over some of the more barren of Zurich's walls with a spray can of paint is a criminal offence.

They have sentenced him in his absence to nine months in jail and ordered him to pay DM100,000 towards the cost of removing the figures. And they have asked for his extradition.

Judges in Schleswig-Holstein have declined to rule. Because of some basic issues involved they have referred the case to the Supreme Court in Karlsruhe.

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On the contrary, his work had beautified. It was a protest against concrete cities and an inhumane environment.

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The only question is will the justice system let him out of his unpublic place in the Lübeck jail as he can accept?

Jasper Wesselschmidt

(Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger, 14 September 1983)

The Sprayer's lawyer, Louis F. Peters, says his client should only be handed over to the Swiss if what he has done is punishable in the Federal Republic as well.

And this is not the case, he says. To qualify for conviction in Germany Nägeli would have had to work on the walls with a hammer and chisel.

Under both Swiss and German law, it wasn't vandalism unless something was destroyed or its usability severely reduced.

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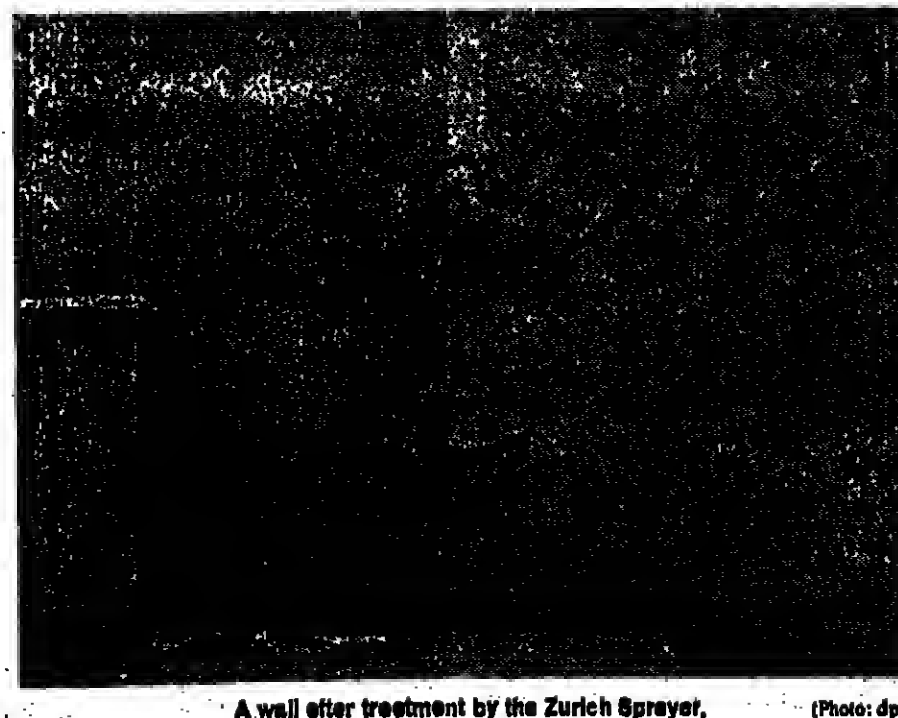
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A wall after treatment by the Zurich Sprayer.

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